

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) An atomizing apparatus ~~according to claim 1,~~
comprising:

(a) an outer cylinder connected to an outlet;

(b) an inlet which is connected to said outer cylinder, said inlet being perpendicular to an axial direction of said outer cylinder;

(c) a chamber formed at an intersection of said outer cylinder and said inlet, wherein said chamber is in fluid communication with said inlet; and

(d) an inner cylinder fitted inside said outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder contains a plurality of holes exposed to said chamber,

wherein said holes in said inner cylinder are arranged as three groups of holes, wherein each group contains holes with substantially the same diameter relative to one another, 0.8 mm, 0.5 mm, and 0.2 mm, respectively, wherein ~~a single~~ one of the three groups of holes is exposed to said chamber at a time.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The atomizing apparatus ~~according to of~~ claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein an outer periphery of said inner cylinder abuts against an inner periphery of said outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder slidably moves in said axial direction.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The atomizing apparatus ~~according to of~~ claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein said plurality of holes are opposed to one another on a circumference that is the same as a circumference of said inner cylinder.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The atomizing apparatus ~~according to of~~ claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein said chamber is a pressurizing chamber, which is capable of carrying out atomization therein.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The atomizing apparatus ~~according to of~~ claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, further comprising a plurality of pressure-leakage preventing members fitted into an inner periphery of said outer cylinder, whereby said pressure-leakage preventing members abut an outer periphery of said inner cylinder.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) An atomizing apparatus ~~according to claim 1, further~~ comprising:

(a) an outer cylinder connected to an outlet;

(b) an inlet which is connected to said outer cylinder, said inlet being perpendicular to an axial direction of said outer cylinder;

(c) a chamber formed at an intersection of said outer cylinder and said inlet, wherein said chamber is in fluid communication with said inlet;

(d) an inner cylinder fitted inside said outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder contains a plurality of holes exposed to said chamber; and

(e) a water passage provided in said inner cylinder, whereby atomization temperature is capable of being adjusted by adjusting said temperature of water in said passage.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) An atomizing apparatus ~~according to claim 1, further~~ comprising:

(a) an outer cylinder connected to an outlet;

(b) an inlet which is connected to said outer cylinder, said inlet being perpendicular to an axial direction of said outer cylinder;

(c) a chamber formed at an intersection of said outer cylinder and said inlet, wherein said chamber is in fluid communication with said inlet;

(d) an inner cylinder fitted inside outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder contains a plurality of holes exposed to said chamber; and

(e) a conduit passage connecting said outlet and a raw material supply port, whereby atomized material may be returned to said supply port through said conduit passage.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The atomizing apparatus ~~according to of~~ claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein said inner cylinder is connected to a screw positioned opposite said outlet of said outer cylinder, whereby said inner cylinder moves in said axial direction by turning said screw.

Claims 10-12. (Canceled)